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Dear Friend,

Some 400 attendees at the Carmichael town hall were nearly unanimous in their opposition to the health care reform bill that squeaked by during a vote in the wee hours of Saturday, November 7.



Congressman Lungren hosts a town hall meeting in Carmichael to discuss health care reform legislation, terrorist detainees at Guantanamo, and other topics with around 400 constituents in attendance.

"Three votes go the other way and it would have failed," I told the crowd, referencing H.R. 3962, which all but one of my fellow Republicans and I voted against, as did 39 Democrats. In the end, the measure passed 220 to 215. "The vote

came just before midnight on a Saturday. That plan made it impossible for Members to get back home for the Veterans Day work period to discuss the legislation with our constituents and hear from the public before the vote."

The town hall participants were particularly concerned about the trillion dollar cost of the bill, the government involvement and the proposed cuts to Medicare Advantage – a very popular program in the Third District. I told those present that this isn't over by a long shot. The bill that passed in the House is facing very tough sledding in the Senate. To make your feelings known, you may contact your Senators by calling the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Though health care reform dominated our discussion in Carmichael – and one could tell the audience was very well informed about



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the bill – I heard many other constituent concerns. This group was strongly opposed to bringing the Guantanamo detainees to U.S. soil – especially New York City – to be tried. They perceived the cowardly and tragic events at Fort Hood earlier this month to be another in a long line of terrorist acts. They wanted me to carry a message back to Washington that terrorist threats continue and this is no time to relax our guard or safeguards like the Patriot Act.



Congressman Lungren honors three Congressional Gold Medal recipients who served as WASPs during World War II: Barbara Kennedy, Captola Johnson, and Dorothy Goot (from left to right).



Congressman Lungren speaks to a crowd gathered at the American Legion Post 108 in Sutter Creek to commemorate Veterans Day and honor those who have and continue to serve in our Armed Forces.

I was delighted to be a part of two Veterans Day observations in the Third District. In the morning I had the privilege to address a crowd of 500 gathered at the Veterans Hospital Plaza at Mather Field where the theme was Women in the

Military. We honored four women who live in our District and who served as WASP (Womens Airforce Service Pilots) during World War II: Dorothy "Dot" Goot and Captola Johnson of Fair Oaks; Barbara Kennedy and Doris Ohm (who could not attend) from Sacramento County. Earlier this year I co-sponsored a bill to award them and their colleagues a Congressional Gold Medal for their service. These ladies were among 1,100 who served as pilots for the Army Air Force of that time. Their group suffered 39 casualties while completing over 12,000 missions ferrying airplanes and training other women pilots. They also towed targets behind their airplanes for training our antiaircraft gunners and our male pilots. They were then and are today a fabulous example of the impact women can have in our Armed Forces.

Later on Wednesday I attended an event at American Legion Post 108 in Sutter Creek, which was commemorating its 90th year as a post and 80th year serving the Foothills with its post-run ambulance service. Congratulations to all!

Though my work time at home was shortened by the health care vote, I was pleased to participate in a variety of other community events:

- A groundbreaking commemoration at Rancho Cordova-based GenCorp that focused on a green energy expansion that will allow the company – partnering with SMUD – to reduce its energy consumption by 33 percent when it finalizes installation of additional solar energy capacity enhancements.
- A visit to Mesa Verde High School in Citrus Heights

where I got to share anecdotes about some of my jobs as a youth and help them set their sights on future careers in business.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren  
Member of Congress

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